# FRANCES E. WILLARD SETTLEMENT





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Incorporated July 7, 1903

Club House, 38 Chambers Street Phillips Brooks Hall, 40-42 Chambers Street Frances E. Willard House, 44-46 Chambers Street BOSTON

Rest Home and Industrial Center, Old Billerica Road, Bedford, Mass.

# **OBJECT**

This Corporation is constituted for the purpose of providing, maintaining and supporting a home or homes for young working women or women earning very low salaries or those training for self-support who need temporary aid, and helping in any possible way those who are strangers and need assistance; also establishing, maintaining and supporting a settlement for the social, educational and moral enlightenment and training of those with whom it comes in contact.

# Directions for Reaching the Boston Settlement

To ride from the North Station, take a surface Forest Hills car at the Station door. It is a short

ride, the car passing the Settlement. Leave the car at Eaton Street.

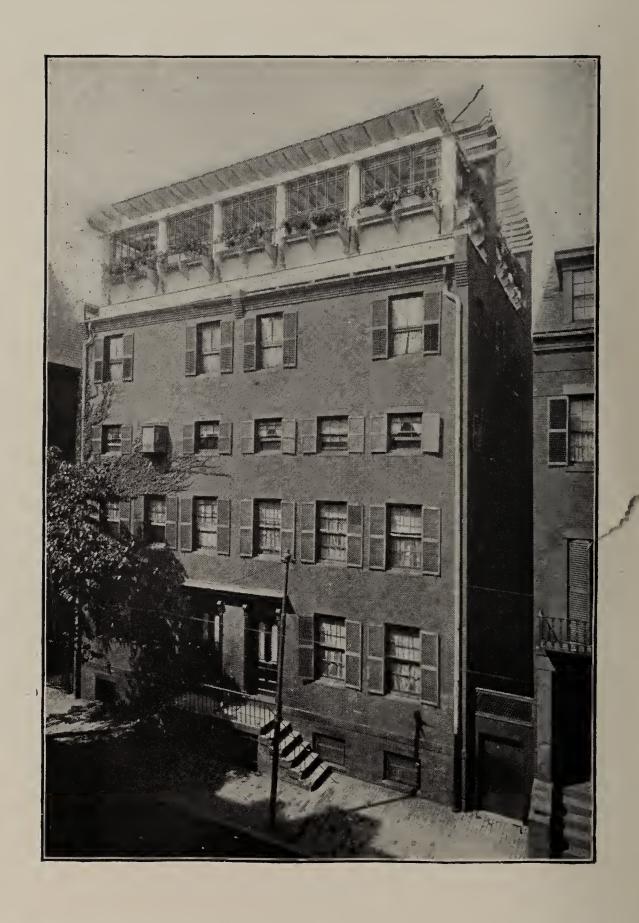
To ride from the South Station, take a North Cambridge, Beacon Street car which passes the Settlement. Stop at Eaton Street.

To ride from the South End, take a West End or Forest Hills car, getting off at North Russell Street. Chambers Street is the next street above North Russell, off Cambridge Street, on the left.

To walk, cross the Common to Joy Street. Chambers Street is the continuation of Joy across Cambridge. The Settlement is about a five minutes' walk from the State House.

# Directions for Reaching the Rest Home

Take train for Bedford at North Station. Take trolley at Sullivan Square Terminal and stop at Lexington Park. Bedford Depot or Lexington Park about one mile and a half from the Home. Carriage sent by appointment for twenty-five cents.



UR SUNNY, CAPACIOUS HOME OF FORTY ROOMS, WHERE WE CAN ACCOMMODATE TWENTY-SEVEN YOUNG WOMEN, THREE TRANSIENTS AND EIGHT RESIDENT SETTLEMENT WORKERS.



GROUP OF THE BRIGHT, EARNEST YOUNG WOMEN WHO MAKE THEIR HOME WITH US AND THREE OF THE RESIDENT WORKERS.

THIS RECEPTION ROOM, THE PARLOR AND COSEY CORNER ARE PROVIDED THAT OUR FAMILY MAY BE ABLE TO ENTERTAIN CALLERS. AN UPSTAIRS SITTING-ROOM HAS SEWING MACHINE, BOOKS AND WRITING DESK.



Courtesy of Richard W. Sears

WO YOUNG WOMEN OCCUPY A CHAMBER, EACH HAVING SINGLE BED, CHIFFONIER, COMMODE, ROCKER AND SCREEN. \$3.00 PER WEEK IS CHARGED FOR BOARD, HEATED ROOM AND LAUNDRY FOR ALL EARNING \$5.00 PER WEEK OR LESS. THE HOME IS RESERVED FOR GIRLS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER EARNING LOW WAGES OR TRAINING FOR SELF-SUPPORT ON A VERY SMALL INCOME.



HE DINING-ROOM, WHERE THE HOME LIFE IS EMPHASIZED BY HAVING ALL COME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY THREE TIMES A DAY, AND WHERE THE COURTESIES OF A SMALL FAMILY ARE OBSERVED. HERE EVENING PRAYERS ARE HELD, AND ALL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THESE BRIEF EXERCISES.



THE CITY AND IS POPULAR FOR REST AND RECREATION. HERE, HIGH ABOVE THE DIN OF THE STREET, WITH FRESH AIR TO BREATHE AND STARS FOR COMPANY, MANY OF THE GIRLS SLEEP IN SUMMER. THE BOXES FILLED WITH FLOWERS, FROM THE EARLIEST MOMENT IN SPRING TILL THE COMING OF LATE FALL, ADD MUCH TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL.



UR FINE TWENTY-ROOM CLUBHOUSE, WHERE NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY WOMEN, YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES ARE REGULARLY ENROLLED IN THE EIGHTY CLUBS AND CLASSES. IN ADDITION TO THE MANY SMALL ROOMS, THE CLUBHOUSE HAS AN AUDITORIUM, GYMNASIUM, LIBRARY, PHARMACY, ASSEMBLY HALL AND SLOYD-ROOM.



HE GYMNASIUM IS A MOST POPULAR PLACE AND IN CONSTANT USE BY BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS. INDIAN CLUB, DUMB-BELL AND WAND DRILLS, FREE-HAND EXERCISES, FOLK-DANCING AND GYMNASTIC GAMES VIE WITH THE EXTREMELY POPULAR BASKET BALL FOR SUPREMACY.



MONG THE VERY PRACTICAL INDUSTRIAL
CLASSES THE "BOY COBBLERS" CERTAINLY
DESERVE MENTION. TWO CLASSES MEET
WEEKLY TO REPAIR THEIR OWN SHOES OR THOSE
OF SOME MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILIES. DUES ARE
PAID IN ALL CLUBS AND CLASSES, WHICH AID IN
COVERING COST OF MATERIAL. THIS FOSTERS A
RIGHT SPIRIT.



HIS GROUP REPRESENTS FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY CHILDREN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OUR LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGIONS. THE L. T. L. BOYS AND GIRLS SIGN THE THREEFOLD PLEDGE AGAINST LIQUOR, TOBACCO AND PROFANITY, AFTER THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SO DOING. IN THE WORDS OF ONE OF THE L. T. L. BOYS, "THE MAJORITY OF THEM KEEP IT SACRED."



NE HUNDRED GIRLS ARE MEMBERS OF OUR
LITTLE HOUSEKEEPERS CLASSES. THEY ARE
TAUGHT TO DO HOUSEWORK BY MEANS OF
TOY UTENSILS AND MOTION SONGS. WASHING,
SWEEPING, BED-MAKING, TABLE-SETTING AND
SERVING ARE MOST POPULAR.



# ST. ANDREW'S GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL CLUB

OR THIRTY-TWO YEARS THIS CLUB HAS HAD CLASSES IN DRESSMAKING, MILLINERY, EMBROIDERY, BOOKKEEPING AND STENOGRAPHY, AND IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT THE SETTLEMENT CO-OPERATES IN THE WORK. FIFTY-EIGHT YOUNG WOMEN WERE ENROLLED LAST SEASON. INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN BY COMPETENT TEACHERS TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM NOVEMBER TO MAY. TUITION FOR THE COURSE, \$1.00.



VERY IMPORTANT AND ENCOURAGING PART OF OUR SETTLEMENT LIFE HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR WORK WITH THE YOUNG MEN. THE MANLY GROUP ABOVE IS THE MERRIMAC YOUNG MEN'S CLUB, WHICH MEETS TWICE WEEKLY. DEVELOPMENT IN BODY, MIND AND CHARACTER IS THE THREEFOLD PURPOSE OF ALL SUCH GROUPS



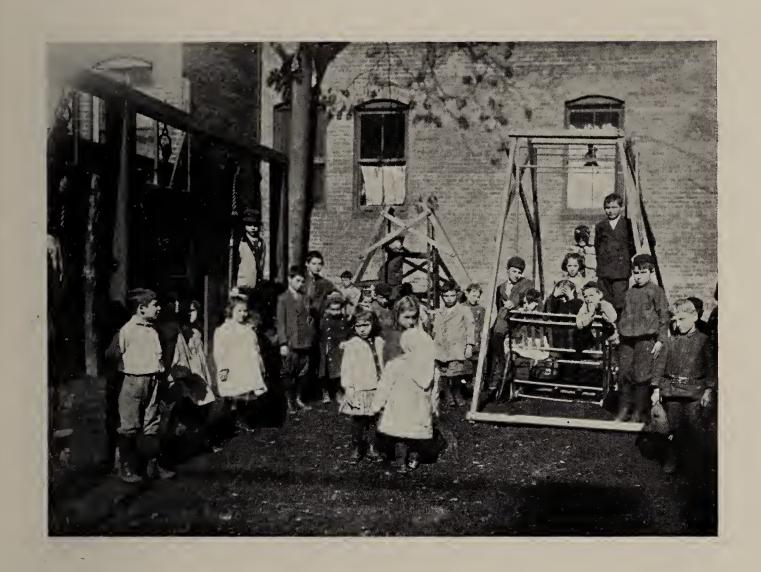
HE GIRLS OF AN ELOCUTION CLUB ENJOYING A HAPPY AFTERNOON. EACH CLUB AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR HAS A MERRYMAKING, CELEBRATING DIFFERENT HOLIDAYS OR RED-LETTER DAYS AND HAVING A ROYAL GOOD TIME AS WELL AS LEARNING LESSONS IN PATRIOTISM AND LOYALTY.



HE MOTHERS' MEETINGS, HELD TWICE A MONTH, FULL OF GENUINE INTEREST AND GOOD ADVICE, ARE A CONTINUAL SOURCE OF PLEASURE AND HELPFULNESS. TWO WEEKLY CLASSES IN ENGLISH FOR MOTHERS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED, THE EVENING SOCIALS WELL ATTENDED AND THE PARENTS MOST EAGER FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO BE REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE SETTLEMENT.



ORAL LESSONS ARE GIVEN DAILY ON TRUTH, CLEANLINESS, HELPFULNESS, KINDNESS, LOVE, COURTESY, COURAGE, HONOR AND THE GOLDEN RULE. SURELY IN THIS COMPOSITE PICTURE OF OUR LITTLE FRIENDS WE SEE EVIDENCE THAT THE SEED FINDS GOOD SOIL



UR KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND OF TWO THOUSAND SQUARE FEET, IN THE REAR OF OUR SETTLEMENT, IS A BOON TO MOTHERS.

FOR ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SESSIONS, FROM THE FIRST OF JUNE TO THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER, AN AVERAGE OF SIXTY-FIVE LITTLE ONES ENJOY THIS SAFE PLACE TO PLAY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CAREFUL TEACHERS.



HE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN REGULAR IN THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE CLUBS ARE THE ONES INVITED TO ENJOY THE DAYS' OUTINGS. THE PICNICS AND CAR RIDES AFE LOOKED FORWARD TO WITH KEEN ANTICIPATION BY THE HUNDREDS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THEM.



HEN ASKED TO TELL WHAT HIS IDEA OF THE FRANCES E. WILLARD SETTLEMENT WAS, ONE OF THESE ACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BOYS SAID, "IT IS A PLACE WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT HOW TO DO MANY USEFUL THINGS, AS SEWING, CARPENTERING, MAKING BASKETS, ETC., AND ARE ALSO TAUGHT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL, TO HAVE A PURE SOUL."



# "ONLY THE GOLDEN RULE OF CHRIST CAN BRING THE GOLDEN AGE OF MAN"

This motto was given to the Settlement by Miss Willard, for whom the work was named and by whom it was inspired.

"The Settlement stands for the highest ideals, and aims to have all its members working toward the noblest and purest manhood and womanhood."

# CHRONICLE OF GROWTH

- 1894, Nov. 28. Dedication of three rooms in tenement house, 422 Hanover Street, which were used for Rest and Social Rooms for the young women working in the factories near by.
- 1895. Coffee bar and free lunch operated in store in same house.
- 1897, Nov. 16. Dedication of first Young Woman's Home at 11 Myrtle Street. This home accommodated sixteen young working women earning very low salaries, furnished opportunity for a public lunch for women in the lodging houses of the vicinity, and gave two rooms for work among the children of the neighborhood.
- 1899. Beach house rented for working girls' vacations.
- 1901. Rented beautiful Summer home at Dorchester, and in November moved into two houses at 24 South Russell Street, which gave much better facilities for the Social Settlement work.
- 1902. Opened and equipped playground in rear of South Russell Street. Small house rented for club work, making three now in use.
- 1903, July 7. Incorporated as the Frances E. Willard Settlement.
- 1907. Purchase of property 38-46 Chambers Street. Club House and St. Andrews' Church for club work and two houses for Young Woman's Home. Purchase of land in rear for playground.
- 1909. Purchase of property in Bedford for Rest Home and Industrial Center for women between forty and sixty years of age.

# CO-OPERATION

HE ROXBURY WOMEN IN COUNCIL, desiring to be practically help-ful, established a loan fund to be used for young working women. This Maria Gansevoort Mackintosh Fund enables the Settlement to assist girls while out of work and to obtain better positions. The fund is now \$714.11 and it is hoped will be increased, since many intelligent girls are working for small pay who are competent to earn more.

THE EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION has the use of our Club House for one of their Summer schools, the Settlement furnishing one teacher and janitor service.

THE DISTRICT NURSES' ASSOCIATION has its headquarters for the West End in our Club House, the nurses coming daily for instructions and supplies.

THE MUTUAL FLOWER HELPERS' ASSOCIATION and the Boston Flower Mission have our assistance in the distribution of flowers. Over 1755 bouquets, 3508 papers and magazines and 533 cards were given out in our playground this season.

THE STAMP SAVINGS SOCIETY has a branch at the Settlement and about \$150 is saved yearly by members of the clubs.



# DISPENSARY

HE WILLARD SETTLEMENT DISPENSARY, established in 1908, does not seek for a large medical clientage so much as for helpful service to its patients, be that service of a medical, moral or spiritual nature. It is opened two evenings each week, aiding about four hundred people of eleven different nationalities yearly. Three excellent physicians are in charge, who recognize the relation of the physical to the mental and moral, and stand ready to assist their patients in the most practical way. The fee charged is ten cents.

# SETTLEMENT SCHEDULE

# 1911 - 80 CLUBS - TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, 990

#### MONDAY Happy Hour Kitchen Garden 4.00-6.00 Girls Wide Awake L. T. L.\* L. T. L. and Bead Work Elocution and Basket-Ball Gymnasium Work Temperance Club Boys Washington L. T. L. Peter Faneuil L. T. L. 7.00-9.30 Boys Band of Mercy Gymnasium Work Basket-Ball 7.00-9.00 Girls Needle Work **Elocution Class** Young Girls' Elocution TUESDAY Mothers English Class 1.30 Golden Crown L. T. L. 4.00-6.30 Girls Loyal Friends' Club Girls' Gymnasium Basket-Ball Piano Class Social Club Boys' Gymnasium 7.00-9.00 Boys' Club Lenox Basket-Ball 7.00-8.15 Mothers English Class 7.00-9.00 Young women Industrial Classes — millinery, dressmaking, embroidery, bookkeeping, stenography Men, women and children Dispensary 8.00-10.00 Young Men Merrimac Young Men's Club WEDNESDAY Kidner Kitchen Garden 4.00-6.00 Girls Jolly Temperance Girls Young Girls' Elocution Gymnasium Lincoln L. T. L. Boys Cobbling 7.00-9.00 Boys Boys' Club Robeson A. C.† Chambers A. C. Joy Street Boys Young women Dressmaking

7.30-10.00

† Athletic Club

Meeting and Socials

Entertainments and Socials

Right Living

Mothers
\* Loyal Temperance Legion

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# THURSDAY

4.00-6.00	Girls	Sunshine Sewing Caswell Kitchen Garden Resketzy and Clay Wedeling
	Boys	Basketry and Clay Modeling Russell Stars L. T. L. Gymnasium
7.00-9.00	Girls	Sewing Class
	Boys	Courageous Boys
	•	Maccabeans
	Young women	Industrial Classes — millinery, dressmaking, embroidery, bookkeeping, stenography
8.00-10.00	Young men Men, women	Merrimac Gymnasium
	and children	Dispensary
		FRIDAY
4.00-6.00	Girls	Little Housekeepers Howard Circle, Scrapbook

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Boys	Boys' Basket-Ball
	Gymnasium
Girls	Busy Friends
	Literary Club
	Social Club
	Allegro Club
	Gymnasium
Boys	French Club
and women	Tabard Inn, Literary
	Girls  Boys Young men

# SATURDAY

9.30-11.30	Girls and boys	Band of Hope Story Telling Italian Club — sewing, game room and play room
10.00-12.00	Boys	Industrial Classes — carpentry, basketry, clay modeling, basket-ball
2.00-4.00	Boys	Frances E. Willard Club
		Taft Temperance Boys
	Girls	Temperance Stars — Kitchen Garden
2.00-5.00		Liberty Boys
		Basket-Ball
7.00-9.30	Boys	Junior City Club
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		Basket-Ball
	Girls	Aviators' Social Club
	J	Literary Club
8 00-10 00	Young men	Social and Literary
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LEWSAC LODGE, THE BEDFORD REST HOME OF THE SETTLEMENT, WAS OPENED MARCH 28, 1910. IT IS SITUATED SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO COMMAND THE PURE, FRESH AIR AND IS SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY THE MOST DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY. HERE A VACATION HOME FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND A REST HOME FOR WOMEN IS PROVIDED, AND INDUSTRIES ARE IN OPERATION WHEREBY THOSE LIVING IN THE HOME MAY OBTAIN WORK IF NECESSARY.



ING ROOMS AND A SITTING ROOM, AND GIVES
US SPACE ON THE FIRST FLOOR FOR OUR
WEAVING INDUSTRY. OUR SPACIOUS BARN CAN
HOUSE SIX HORSES AND TWELVE COWS AND FURNISHES AMPLE ROOM FOR THE QUANTITY OF HAY
AND FODDER WHICH WE CAN RAISE FOR OUR STOCK.



UR LOOM ROOM IN OPERATION AT BEDFORD IS TURNING OUT FINE WORK IN LINENS, TABLE SCARFS, BELTS, PORTIERES, AND COTTON, WOOLEN AND SILK RUGS. THIS INDUSTRY IS ONE OF SEVERAL WHICH WE ARE ESTABLISHING IN ORDER TO FURNISH WORK FOR THE WOMEN LIVING AT THE LODGE. IT IS AN EASY, PLEASANT TASK FOR THE QUIET MONTHS OF WINTER.



UR CHICKEN INDUSTRY HAS A SPLENDID PLANT FOR ITS OPERATIONS, CONSISTING OF TWENTY-SEVEN FINELY PLANNED MODERN HEN HOUSES, SIX COLONY HOUSES, AN INCUBATOR CELLAR, GRAIN ROOM AND WORK ROOM. WE ARE SELLING EGGS FROM OUR OWN INCUBATOR-HATCHED CHICKENS, AND OUR CAPONS ARE FATTENING FOR THE MARKET.





HE INDUSTRIAL CENTER at Bedford is designed to be of practical assistance to the scores of better class women who need judicious help, not charity, offering a way whereby members of the family can earn a part if not all of their board.

It is intended that the work be so diversified that women of different tastes, ability and strength can be given something to do. In all the plans, many of which are as yet tentative, it is to be borne in mind that the Settlement is thus attempting to aid a class of women who, because of trials of various sorts, are unfitted for a time to cope with the working world through physical disability or mental attitude.

The above trade-mark for our industries for women will appear on all our products, and our motto, "Perfection Our Aim," speaks for itself.

OUR PRESERVING HOUSE the first season put up eleven hundred and twenty-eight quarts of preserves and pickles prepared in a sanitary way and bottled in glass. Blackberries, raspberries, currants and grapes have been planted for small fruits with which to increase this industry yearly.

THE FLORAL CULTURE is yet in embryo. However, the long-stemmed violets, beautiful coxcomb, sweet mignonette, fine asters and splendid dahlias foretell success in this line and herald the glad news of rested nerves and renewed vigor from this work in the open.

THE BEE HIVE, the beginning of our apiary, furnished a few bottles of honey and cakes of wax.



THE FARM, covering one hundred and thirty-two acres, is in good condition, containing mowing and tillage, meadow and wood land, grove-land and cranberry bog. A conservative estimate based upon two summers on the farm shows that produce for our live stock, vegetables for the Frances E. Willard House, as well as Llewsac Lodge, and fruits for the preserving can be easily grown and that the balance will be on the right side of the ledger.

THE LODGE has fulfilled its mission as far as possible. In one year two hundred and thirty-five people, varying in age from fourteen to seventy-three, gathered in its spacious home dining rooms and various picnic parties enjoyed the grounds. The week end parties were especially pleasant.

THE NELLIE E. COOK DORMITORY. More work could have been done and many more guests entertained if we had had better sleeping accommodations; and to cover this need three thousand dollars has already been pledged toward the erection of the Nellie E. Cook dormitory in memory of our faithful treasurer.

In the year 1911, before the work was fully established, more than enough to fill such a dormitory were refused admission to the Lodge.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FRANCES E. WILLARD SETTLEMENT

Report from January 1, 1910, to January 1, 1911

				Dr.					
Cash on hand Janu		1910		•	•	•			\$3,175.27
Received for Board	l .		•		•	•	•	\$4,109.98	
Subscriptions and	Donati	ions .		•		•		10,224.86	
Bequest					•			5,000.00	
Income from Inves	tment	s .		•		•		1,834.80	
Sales and Entertain	inment	s.		•	•	•	•	989.11	
Farm at Bedford							•	147.72	
Clubs and Classes				•		•		465.53	
Loan					•			250.00	
									23,022.00
				Cr.					\$26,197.27
Payments on Prince	cipal a	nd Int	erest	•	•	•		\$7,097.35	ŕ
Salaries, eleven w	orkers					•	•	4,819.72	
Wages								1,792.53	
Printing, Postage	and Of	fice .						631.67	
Heating and Light	ing .				•			1,119.16	
Provision and Sup	plies .		•	•		•		3,832.44	
Furnishings .				•		•	•	1,857.67	
Repairs							•	1,930.08	
Farm			•	•	•		•	918.47	
Laundry					•			549.03	
Clubs and Classes				•		•		465.53	
Miscellaneous								109.04	
Loan Paid .		•					•	803.44	
									25,926.13
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Repairs and furnishings are largely for the Bedford Home, where work was begun in March, 1910.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Frances E. Willard Settlement from January 1, 1910, to January 1, 1911, as presented and summarized. I find them correctly cast and the payments, except some of the minor ones, vouched for and the correct balance on hand.

(Signed) WILLIAM J. MANDELL.

# PERMANENT FUNDS

		Dr.						
Robert Charles Billings Fund.				•			•	\$2,000.00
Harriet Louisa Brown Fund .	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16,000.00
								\$18,000.00
		Cr.						
Lake Shore & Michigan R. R. Box	nds	•		•		•		\$2,000.00
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.	R. (	Co.	•	•	•	•		4,000.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co	•	•				•		4,000.00
Delaware & Hudson R. R. Co.	•			•		•		4,000.00
American Tel. & Tel. Co	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4,000.00
								\$18,000.00

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"Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates."

NELLIE E. COOK, TREASURER 1894-1911

In writing to a friend in 1887, Phillips Brooks said regarding St. Andrew's, which is now a part of the Settlement: "It may be made the center of all sorts of good influences for that whole region, and other people are to follow us and take up what we leave undone."





